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Annual Report.

AT the close of this school year, 1894-95, the forty-sixth in the history of the college, we would present to your honorable body, the Board of Trustees of Rockford College, the following report:

We wish to express our sorrow at the death of Mr. James W. Scott of Chicago, one of your members. We shall miss the intelligent and active interest which he always manifested for the affairs of the college.

We have had during the year boarding pupils from thirteen different states, and one from Japan; as well as the usual day school. We have also had special students in drawing and painting, and music, and have received into our gymnasium a number of women sent by their physicians. The total number of different students in all departments is two hundred and twenty-three.

The health of the school has been good throughout the year. The result of the gymnastic training in typical cases is shown by the following report:

No.		GIRTH OF CHEST. REPOSE	GIRTH OF CHEST. FULL.	TOTAL STRENGTH	LUNG CAPACITY.
692	{ October..	80.2	84.	194.	110.
	{ April.....	80 5	84.5	324.	130.
667	{ October..	74.2	77.2	163.	85.
	{ April.....	77.	80.	253.	135.
688	{ October..	71.	74.	181.	115.
	{ April.....	75 5	78	271.	150.
672	{ October..	79.	82.	216.	120.
	{ April.....	82.5	84.5	303.	130.
660	{ October..	74.	79.	167.	150.
	{ April.....	78.	83.	254.	160.
664	{ October..	71.	72.5	171.	100.
	{ April.....	76.	77.5	257.5	110.
694	{ October..	72.5	77.	200.5	130.
	{ April.....	74.5	77.2	285.	155.
696	{ October..	80.5	84.5	190.	172.
	{ April.....	81.	85.5	275.	190.

The intellectual work has been well sustained, maintaining always a high grade of scholarship. It has followed in general the curriculum as specified in the catalogue. The Course in Science announced for the first time in last year's catalogue has been followed with good results; the fine equipment of our laboratories in Adams Hall makes it possible for us to do work according to modern methods; there have been large preparatory classes in physics and zoology, besides the specified collegiate classes in science. For the purpose of acquiring a broader view of the variance of political opinions in different sections of our country, the class in Historical Exercises has this year been comparing the constitution and laws of the Southern Confederacy with those of the United States. Five students have taken the prize examinations in the English Bible, offered by the American Institute of Sacred Literature to Juniors and Seniors in all the colleges throughout the United States and Canada. Miss Wilkins has given a series of talks to the school on the development of the opera and its treatment by Wagner. During the spring term there has been a class for the out-door study of birds, conducted by Miss Eaton.

After a connection with Rockford College of thirty-seven years, Mr. Hood has resigned his position as musical director. His familiar presence will be missed in the College. Under his charge the department of music has always been well sustained and widely and favorably known. The Mendelssohn society, a Rockford musical organization of the highest character, owes most of its success to the graduates of the musical department of the College.

Miss Mary Roxy Wilkins will have charge of the musical department next year and will be assisted by Mr. Howard Wells. Miss Wilkins has recently returned from a two year's stay in Europe where she studied piano, in Berlin with Oscar Raif, and organ in Paris with Alexander Guilmant. Mr. Frank T. Baird, of Chicago, will still have charge of the vocal music and will be assisted by Miss Radacke. High as has been the standard of our musical department heretofore, under its reorganization we shall secure to our students greatly increased facilities and opportunities in the prosecution of their studies.

Miss Jacoby has again had charge of the work in drawing and painting, after two year's study in Europe.

The facilities of the College have been increased this year by the purchase of additional apparatus for use in the work in electricity, and charts and apparatus for the biological laboratory. For the library books have been bought from time to time; among them we have added a complete set of the Sacred Books of the East for the class in comparative religion, and standard works in English, French and German Literature.

The two literary societies conducted by the students have done enthusiastic work; the classical club organized last year reports a satisfactory year's work. The Glee and Mandolin clubs have practised faithfully throughout the year and gave a very creditable concert.

During the year we have had the following lectures, addresses, and recitals:

October	18.	Piano Recital,	- - - - -	MISS WILKINS.
	28.	Missionary Address,	- - - - -	REV. B. E. S. ELY.
November	1.	Song Recital,	- - - - -	MISS RADACKE.
	4.	Education of Girls in India,	- - - - -	MISS EMILY BISSELL.
	8.	Russia,	- - - - -	MISS SUTLIFF.
	15.	Physical Development,	- - - - -	DR. LELAND.
	16.	Marlowe's Faustus,	- - - - -	MISS RUMSEY.
December	21.	Scott's The Monastery,-	- - - - -	MISS EASTMAN.
	5.	Macbeth,	- - - - -	MISS EATON.
	7.	Exhibition of Mr. Roberts, Roscovitch's	- - - - -	Water Colors.
	12.	The Tempest,	- - - - -	MISS RUMSEY.
January	9.	Song Recital,	- - - - -	MISS RADACKE.
	12.	Song Recital,	- - - - -	-
		MR. GEORGE ELLSWORTH HOLMES, Chicago.		
	16.	Hestia,	- - - - -	MISS LANAGAN.
	23.	Wagner's Early Works.	- - - - -	-
		The Flying Dutchman,	- - - - -	MISS WILKINS.
	30.	The Present Industrial Situation,	- - - - -	MISS EATON.
	31.	Address-day of Prayer for Colleges,	- - - - -	-
		REV. W. M. LAWRENCE, Chicago.		
February	3.	Missionary work among the Negroes,	- - - - -	MRS. WRIGHT.
	6.	Song Recital,	- - - - -	MISS RADACKE.
	13.	Analysis of Tannhauser,	- - - - -	MISS WILKINS.
	20.	Missionary Work in Utah,	- - - - -	MISS HAND.
	27.	Analysis of Lohengrin,	- - - - -	MISS WILKINS.
March	6.	Art Student's Life in Paris,	- - - - -	MISS JACOBY.
	14.	The College Settlement and Social Reform,	- - - - -	MISS EATON.
	31.	Home Missionary Addresses,	- - - - -	{ MRS. CASWELL. MR. WIARD.
April	3.	Manners,	- - - - -	MRS. CHARLES KENDAL ADAMS, Madison.
	10.	Daubigny and Millet,	- - - - -	MISS JACOBY.
	13.	Recent Work at Hull House,	- - - - -	-
		MISS JANE ADDAMS, Chicago.		
	17.	Some Phenomena of Spring Vegetation,	- - - - -	MISS SHELTON.
	24.	Recent Scotch Fiction,	- - - - -	MISS RUMSEY.
May	1.	Tennyson's In Memoriam,	- - - - -	MR. CHARLES CHURCH.
	4.	Song Recital,	- - - - -	MR. JOHN RICE BENTLEY, Chicago.
	8.	Learned Women of the Fifteenth Century,	- - - - -	MISS HERRICK.
	16.	Vesta and the Vestals,	- - - - -	MISS LANAGAN.
	17.	Theories of Evolution,	- - - - -	PRESIDENT COULTER,
		Lake Forest University.		
	18.	Exhibition of Views,	- - - - -	ROCKFORD CAMERA CLUB.
	22.	Work done by the State Board of Charities,	- - - - -	-
		MISS LATHROP.		
	24.	Concert by COLLEGE GLEE AND MANDOLIN CLUBS.	- - - - -	-
	29.	Song Recital,	- - - - -	MISS MILLER.
	31.	Modern Athens,	- - - - -	PROF. KERR, of Wisconsin.
June	5.	Song Recital,	- - - - -	MISS RADACKE.

The school has two societies for promoting work of a spiritual and sociological character. A missionary society holds monthly meetings for the purpose of keeping its members in sympathy with all kinds of missionary work and for helping in the maintenance of such work. By means of its weekly collections it has, together with the Christian Association, contributed to the following objects:

The Rockford Hospital	\$ 10 00
Delegate to Geneva.....	18 00
Mrs. Wright, school for negro girls.....	20 00
Miss Zimmer, work in Scutari.....	30 00
Student volunteer work.....	5 00
Miss Moore.....	5 00
W. B. M. I.....	10 00
Hull House.....	15 00
Thanksgiving dinners, relief work.....	44 60
Neighborhood relief work.....	33 00

A Mission Band growing out of interest in the "Student Volunteer Movement" holds weekly meetings. Its subject of study has been this year "The Historical Development of the Missionary Idea."

The work of the Christian Association has been growing rapidly during the last few years. In addition to holding weekly prayer meetings it has been doing practical neighborhood work as a branch of the City Union Aid Society. This work of a College Settlement character began with the establishment of a night school holding two sessions a week. In the course of time the night school work was taken up by the Young Woman's Christian Association of Rockford, and finally by the city itself. When freed from the night school, the Association joined the City Union Aid Society in neighborhood work. Regularly appointed committees of students visit the poor in the vicinity of the college, and endeavor to aid those in trouble by giving relief, sending the sick to the hospital, and finding employment for those out of work. Reports are made monthly to the College Association. This work has proved of practical value to the students in teaching them methods of philanthropic work, and in the development of character.

In addition to this work of the Christian Association a class in gymnastics has been held once a week for young women employed during the day. The class has been made possible by your generosity in giving the use of the gymnasium, and by the kindness of Miss Felker in giving her services as instructor.

Under the leadership of Miss Sutliff a class in sociology was held once a week during the first two terms of the year. It was composed of Rockford women who are not otherwise connected with the college, and of some members of the college faculty and senior class. Miss Sutliff has also given a very scholarly and highly appreciated course of lectures on Napoleon and German Reconstruction, following the course given by her last year on the French Revolution. This year's course was given by her under the auspices of the Unity Club. Dr. Leland gave a course of lectures in the winter to the graduating class of the

training school for nurses in connection with the City Hospital. Miss Rumsey and Miss Gulliver have also given lectures in town during the year.

We have also had the advantage of hearing the courses of lectures delivered in town this winter under the auspices of the Rockford University Extension Center. These courses in literature by Professor Moulton of the University of Chicago, in geology by Professor Salisbury of the University of Chicago, and in sociology by Professor Ely of the University of Wisconsin, have been of special value. There have been also in the city during the year fine concerts and other entertainments which we have been able to enjoy.

This summer the Hull House College Extension classes hold their fourth annual session here from July 8th to August 5th.

The interest of the alumnae in the College continues to grow; there are now six reunion associations holding yearly meetings. The Chicago association this year gave \$100 toward the support of a student and \$40 for the purchase of photographs for the class in the History of Painting.

We recommend to your honorable body the granting of degrees and diplomas as follows:

For the Bachelor's degree:

GERTRUDE FELKER.

SUSANNE ORTON.

MYRA BLANCHE WALKER.

For the Seminary diploma:

MARY EUNICE DU BOIS.

GRACE ELVIRA MCGAW.

JESSIE SCHRYVER.

GRACE SHERMAN.

For the diploma from the School of Music:

ELIZABETH ALLEN

NELLIE FUNNELL.

MAE ALLEN.

IDA HYDE.

HELEN ARMSTRONG.

MINNIE I. HUTCHINS.

EDNA BEAN.

MILFRED MEYERS.

MARGARET BULL.

GENEVIEVE SYLVESTER.

ELLA B. CHANEY.

The Student's Aid Association reports this year nine students aided, and \$1030.50 expended. This association has fully proved that its founders were wise, and that such an organization was needed in the school. Some of those who have been helped by it, have become self supporting women and are returning to the association the money which they have received from it. There is more call for borrowing from the Sill Loaning Fund than there are means for. The objects of these funds, the Students' Aid, and the Sill Loaning, are too obvious to need comment, but it is very essential that they be increased either by direct gifts to the Sill Loaning Fund or by new memberships in the Students' Aid Association, if they are to meet the demands yearly made upon them. Annual membership fees for the Students' Aid Association are \$5; life membership fees are \$100.

In reviewing the work of this school year, of '94-'95, we have spoken only of our progress and advantages. We should be dead indeed to the spirit of advancement, if we should add, we have no

limitations and no needs. Our wants are of a serious nature and they call for particular emphasis. We have used all the opportunities which you and the friends of the College have placed within our control, but we have reached the point at which progress will be greatly facilitated if we can have an endowment fund to meet a part of our current expenses. Schools can never be run as financial ventures, they ought never to be paying institutions, their work is philanthropic in the best sense of that word. If students are asked to give the requisite amount of money for value received, education becomes a luxury to be had by the few only, when it is the birthright of every child. This year with its financial stringency has brought to us with unusual significance the need of endowment. Every department of the school ought to be put upon a permanent basis and not depend for its enlargement on the very uncertain income of the current year.

Our department of Science now so well organized must have an assured sum every year for apparatus and books. Our library, always open to students for study, needs an annual income to be expended in the rebinding of old books and in the purchase of new ones. Every department of the school depends for its progress upon a rapidly growing library.

As your honorable body has done so much in the past for the success of the College, our hope is strong that through your instrumentality new friends may be found who will give us the endowment necessary for future growth and prosperity.

On behalf of the Faculty of Rockford College.

SARAH F. ANDERSON.

JUNE 18, 1895.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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Sunday, June 16, 10:30 a. m. (First Congregational Church).

Baccalaureate Sermon, - - - REV. GEO. H. WELLS, Minneapolis

Sunday, June 16, 7:30 p. m. (Second Congregational Church).

Missionary Address, - - - REV. J. F. LOBA, Evanston

Monday, June 17, 8 p. m. (College Chapel).

Annual Concert, - - - The Students of the School of Music

Tuesday, June 18, 8 p. m. (The Gymnasium).

The Class Play.

Wednesday, June 19, 10 a. m. (College Chapel).

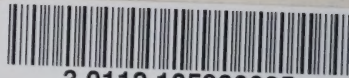
Commencement Address, Miss JANE ADDAMS, Hull House, Chicago

Wednesday, June 19, 12:30 p. m. (Adams Hall).

The Alumnae Dinner.

Wednesday, June 19, 3:30 p. m. (College Chapel).

Business Meeting of the Alumnae.



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